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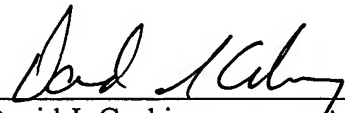
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		WO	95/10868		04-20-1995	Italtel Societa Italiana Telecomunicazioni	Yes
		WO	99/30391		06-17-1999	Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.	Yes
		EP	1 043 816	A2	10-11-2000	Lucent Technologies Inc.	Yes
		EP	0 843 424	A2	05-20-1998	Central Glass Company	Yes

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